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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, July 6.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

104 Newlands Street

5700 Kirkside Drive

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and See the Enclosed Flyers & Articles

Fall Class Schedule

Fourth of July

WSSC Drains Survey

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Survey of Potential Changes/Additions to Village Building Regulations to be Distributed in Village

The Board of Managers held a special Board meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2007 to discuss the first draft of a planned Village-wide written survey received from *Winter & Company*.

The intent of the survey is to solicit information from every Village household and aid the Board in its consideration of newly available Zoning and Building Regulation Powers.

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No Solicitation List/Stickers Available

In lieu of recent Supreme Court decisions regarding solicitors, i.e. religious/political group's rights, the Board of Managers, at its June 11 meeting, approved a resolution that would bring the Village to conformity with the Supreme Court's ruling. Changes include moving the time each day canvassers must end their activities in the Village from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Although the Village cannot prevent ALL solicitors from canvassing our community, the Communications Center does maintain a list of residents who have indicated in writing they do not wish to be visited by "for profit" vendors/solicitors. This list is given to all vendors/solicitors that come to the Village Hall applying for a permit. They are advised not to attempt to make contact with any home on the list or their permit will be revoked and they will immediately be escorted out of the Village. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the Communications Center (301)654-7300 or visit the Village website at ccvillage.org for the No Solicitor form. You may also request, free of charge, "No Solicitation" stickers from the Communications Center which you may place in the window at the front door.

Celebrating Independence Day



Many United States citizens celebrate Independence Day, commonly known as "Fourth of July or July 4", but have no real sense of what it means. This special day commemorates our Independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776.

Some common traditions associated with this day include fireworks, parades, barbecues, beer, picnics, baseball games, and various other public and private events celebrating the history,

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In The Village

Board Actions - June 11, 2007 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: April 9, 2007 Meeting: Approved.

Appeals: **A-5250, 46 Grafton Street:** (a) Replace an existing six (6') foot high stockade fence with a six (6') foot high flatboard fence with a capboard located between the front lot line and the front building restriction line; (b) replace an existing six (6') foot high stockade fence with a six (6') foot high flatboard fence with a capboard in the Cedar Parkway public right-of-way. Residents rescinded their appeal request. **A-5252, 12 East Lenox Street:** Replace (2) two external air conditioning units in the east front yard (Brookville Road) of the property—Approved.

Old Business: *Winter & Company Briefing* Noré Winter joined the Board via video conference from Colorado to discuss the preliminary report on potential changes to the residential development standards.

Resolution No: 06-01-07: An ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to provide for an exemption from the requirement that all solicitors and vendors be licensed and to modify the hours during which soliciting and vending may occur within Chevy Chase Village—Approved.

Resolution No; 06-02-07: Banking Agreements—Approved.

New Business: **Village Hall/Post Office Parking Concerns:** Discussion centered around the proposed solution to address recent resident concerns regarding the parking around the Village Hall and Post Office. The plan will relocate postal employee parking from West Lenox Street to Laurel Parkway in front of the Village Hall during the hours the Post Office is open, which will decrease the amount of traffic on the West Lenox Street side of the Village Hall—Approved.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.

To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".

Administrative Office Closed on July 4

The Village Administrative Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day and on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

The Communications Center and Police Department remains open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Do I Need a Permit?

Many residents planning to do work on their homes or in the yard may be unsure whether or not they need permits for the work to be done.

If you are unsure about a project, it is always a good idea to contact the Village office and ask before beginning any work. You will first be advised if you need a permit from the Village and, if necessary, a permit from Montgomery County and/or the *Historic Preservation Commission* (HPC).

For Building permits, be prepared to submit a plat diagram of your home showing the existing building and proposed work to be done. A copy of your plat can be found in your home purchase closing documents from the title company.

For Dumpster permits, you will need a plat diagram to show where the dumpster will be located. Note that dumpsters are not allowed on Village streets. They are only allowed to be on private property.

For Tree Removal permits, be prepared to provide your contractor's name and their *Maryland Department of Natural Resources* (DNR) license number. The Village office will not issue a tree removal permit without a DNR number confirming the work will be performed by a licensed contractor.

Should you need a permit from Montgomery County, you can contact the Department of Permitting Services in Rockville, MD at 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd floor, or by calling (240)-777-6300.

Should you need a permit from the *Historic Preservation Commission* (HPC), you can contact them at 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD or by calling (301)-563-3400.

Answers to many common questions can be found in our Village Code. Chapter 8 for Building Regulations and Chapter 17 for Urban Forest are available on our website at ccvillage.org or contact the Village office.

Whatever your work plans, we ask that you first contact the Village office for a preliminary conversation. You may still may need to go elsewhere for either a Montgomery County and/or HPC permit before we can issue a Village permit, but we should be your first and last stop in the permitting process.

In The Village

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Development of the survey and analysis of the survey's results are activities included in the Village's consulting services contract with *Winter & Company*.

The Village-wide survey is a valuable community outreach and opinion gathering tool that will be distributed to every Village household in the near future.

Residents are strongly encouraged to complete the survey and return it to the Village office as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, August 15, 2007. This is your opportunity to express your opinions, comments and concerns in this important community effort.

Toddler Group

The Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Oliver Street Park whenever weather permits. Check the Village Listserve on Mondays to see where they will be meeting.

Contact either Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or Lesley McNamara at (301) 718-8383 with questions or for additional information.

Summer Safety Tips From the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Below are some helpful hints to keeping your family safe this summer while having fun in the sun:

Babies under 6 months: Avoid sun exposure and dressing infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats that shade the neck are still the top recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands. **For Young Children:** Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside, and use sunscreen even on cloudy days. The SPF should be at least 15. **For Older Children:** The first, and best, line of defense against the sun is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that block 99-100% of ultraviolet rays), and cotton clothing with a tight weave. Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours-between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Use sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or greater. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen about 1 ounce per

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sitting for a young adult. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating. Use extra caution near water, snow, and sand as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.

Heat Stress in Exercising Children: The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever high heat and humidity reach critical levels. At the beginning of a strenuous exercise program or after traveling to a warmer climate, the intensity and duration of exercise should be limited initially and then gradually increased during a period of 10 to 14 days to accomplish acclimatization to the heat. Before prolonged physical activity, the child should be well hydrated. During the activity, periodic drinking should be enforced, for example, each 20 minutes, 5 oz. of cold tap water or a flavored sports drink for a child weighing 90 lbs and 9 oz. for an adolescent weighing 130 lbs, even if the child does not feel thirsty. Clothing should be light-colored and lightweight and limited to one layer of absorbent material to facilitate evaporation of sweat. Sweat saturated garments should be replaced by dry garments. Practices and games played in the heat should be shortened and more frequent water/hydration breaks should be instituted.

For more useful tips on safety measures go to <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/summertips.htm>

Continuing Class Schedule

Children's classes include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet and Karate. Adult classes include Pilates in the AM/PM and Yoga. Residents are welcome to join at any time during the session. The next session will begin the second week of September. See enclosed class schedule. A separate flyer will be mailed in August with the fall class schedule. If you have an idea for a class, please contact Doris Lyerly at doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov or for more information, call the Village office at (301) 654-7300.

Chevy Chase Village 2007 Directory

Residents can now pick up their new 2007 Directory available in the Village office or in the Communications Center.



The Village Hall

Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The deadline to submit articles for the September 2007 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, August 27.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its September 10, 2007 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10. All residents are invited to attend.

Historic District Site Plaque Available



Residents living in a historic district may obtain a Montgomery County Historic District plaque from the Historic Preservation Commission. The cost of the plaque is \$35 and checks can be made payable to Montgomery Preservation Inc.

For further information contact Kevin Manarolla at (301)-563-3400.

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents.

Our two large rooms are available for:

- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is

even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyrly in the Village office for additional information or go to the Village website at ccvillage.org.

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and traditions of the United States. Fireworks have been associated with the Fourth of July since 1777.

The U.S.A.'s national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*, commemorates the United States flag that was visible by the light of *the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air*. This view of the flag through a night of bomb bursts inspired the captive Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812, and provided hope for the United States as it defended Fort McHenry.

Some notable Independence Day Events include:

America's Freedom Festival in Provo, in Utah, is one of the largest freedom festivals. It includes one of the largest Fourth of July parades, and the Stadium of Fire.

The town of Bristol, Rhode Island is noted for having the oldest, continuous Independence Day celebration in the United States.

James River Assembly in Ozark, Missouri, hosts the annual "I Love America" Celebration at the Springfield Underground. In 1997, 13,000 people showed up for the first event. In 2006, 120,000 people attended the celebration. Highlights include the choir's "Living Flag", the "Concert in the Sky", nearly 100 games and activities, and a four-hour air show.

A colorful Independence Day event is the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York City, which supposedly started on July 4, 1916, as a way to settle a dispute among four immigrants as to who was the most patriotic. It was estimated that Americans would consume about 150 million hot dogs on July 4, 2006, or almost one hot dog for every other person in the United States.

In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States, and the only two men to sign the Declaration of Independence to become President died on the same day, July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.

If you would like to learn more interesting facts like the ones above check out Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, at <http://en.wikipedia.org>.

Whatever your plans are for this July 4 celebration, please be sure to enjoy the festivities in a safe manner. Perhaps you will join the Chevy Chase Village's July 4 celebration this year at the Oliver Street Park. See enclosed flyer.

The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Why Should I Call the Police?

Effectively fighting crime requires the combined efforts of police and citizens working together. Police cannot be omnipresent. Many crimes could be prevented if more citizens would be alert for suspicious activity and take appropriate measures to notify the police immediately.

When should I call the police?

If you observe suspicious activity, even though you may not be the only witness, take the initiative and call the police. Do not rely on someone else to act – this may never happen. You could be the only caller and crimes often are deterred by police questioning individuals seen lurking in or repeatedly traveling through an area.

Many people fail to act because they are not sure if what they are observing is worth reporting. When in doubt, call the Village Police at (301)654-7300 immediately. Don't lose precious time discussing the event with friends or neighbors first.

If you are awakened by the sound of breaking glass or the sound of a vehicle alarm going off and then re-setting itself, call the police to check it out. You don't have to be visited by the police, just call the Police Communications Center 301-654-7300 and report what you heard or saw, and give an approximate address or location and a police officer will be dispatched to check it out. Your call is important to us.

How do I report a crime?

If you suspect that a crime is being or about to be committed, please call the Village Police or if you feel it is an emergency or life-threatening, i.e., someone breaking into a home, etc., dial 9-1-1. You need not give your name. However, if you want a police officer to contact you, give your name, address and telephone number and tell the call-taker that you would like to meet with the officer.

What is suspicious activity?

- A stranger around your neighbor's house or a strange vehicle parked near your neighbor's home.

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- The sound of breaking glass.
- The sound of a car alarm or house alarm.
- Anyone peering into vehicles or removing tags.
- An improperly parked car, or a car parked with some-one in it who seems out of place.
- Recurring appearances of a strange vehicle in the neighborhood.
- Persons involved in a fight or a person screaming.
- Door-to-door solicitors without a Village permit.
- Persons standing around, possibly acting as look-outs.
- Burglar in your home.

If you return home and believe that someone may have broken in while you were away:

- Leave immediately! Do not enter your home!
- Go to a neighbor's house or back to your vehicle and call the police using your cell phone.
- Wait for the police; do not return to your home until the officers have checked it. For your safety, officers will not allow you to accompany them while they check your home.

Reasons some people give for not reporting suspected criminal activity:

- It's none of my business. In fact, you may be the next victim.
- Someone else may be reporting it. Maybe not.
- The police are too busy. Calls of in-progress crimes or suspicious activity are always important.
- That noise may not be anything. If so, why did it attract your attention?
- That unknown person may be visiting the neighbors. Maybe not. It's best to be certain.
- The stranger at your door seems friendly; he or she was just lost. This is how some burglars determine if anyone is home.
- I could be wrong, and there is no crime occurring. Maybe not. But then again, no harm is done by investigating it.
- The criminals might retaliate if I report them. Though this could occur, experience indicates this happens in extremely rare incidents.



Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library July 2007

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free, but may require a ticket and/or registration. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Title: Tall Tales From America's Trails: Join Gary Lloyd, storyteller, as he spins some silly yarns on July 2 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 5-12. Free tickets required, available Saturday, June 23, 2007. All tickets must be picked up in person.

Title: Preschool Films Fairy Tale Fun: "The Emperor's New Clothes"; "Three Little Pigs"; "Riding Hood. Thursday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6.

Title: Birds of Prey: Learn about raptors from Scales and Tales on Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Ages 5-12. Free tickets required beginning Saturday, June 23, 2007. All tickets must be picked up in person.

Title: Preschool Films: "Cats and Dogs": "Harry the Dirty Dog"; "The Three Legged Cat"; "Officer Buckle and Gloria." on July 12 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6.

Title: Preschool Films: Shadow Puppet Theater: Daniel Barash's magical shadow puppets perform scenes from the ever popular Aesop's Fables on Monday, July 16, 2007. Ages 5-12. Free tickets required, available beginning Saturday, July 7. All tickets must be picked up in person.

Title: Preschool Films: Old Favorites: "Burt Dow, Deep-Waterman"; "Harold and the Purple Crayon"; "Drummer Hoff"; "The Happy Lion"; Thursday, July 19. Ages 3-6.

Title: Glue and Go: Holly Cleeland shows how to make creative costumes using household materials on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Free tickets required and must be picked up in person. Ages 5-12.

Title: Preschool Films: Funny Farm: "Pigs' Wedding"; "Wings: A Tale of Two Ducks"; "Rosie's Walk"; "Charlie Needs A Cloak." Thursday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3-6.

Title: Brain Benders: See fantastic experiments presented by the MD Science Center on Monday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. Free tickets required, available beginning Saturday, July 21. All tickets must be picked up in person. Ages 5-12.

Freecycle

Do you have items you no longer need or want, but which still have life in them? Try "The Freecycle Network" <http://www.freecycle.org> to find new homes for these things via e-mail. Members of this volunteer-led community give and receive items for free. What kind

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of items can be found through The Freecycle Network? Clothing, furniture, electronics, building supplies, instruments, paint, toys and much more! Go to: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dpwt/SolidWaste/collection_services/recycling/freecycle.asp.

Whatever your situation, giving or receiving, you should check out this service.



Chevy Chase Village Listserve Sign-Up Instructions

1. Go to Yahoo.com.
2. Look for "Groups" on left side menu.
3. Type in Chevy Chase Village in the "Find a Yahoo Group" section.
4. Click on ccvillage.
5. Click on "Join This Group" in the upper right hand corner.
6. If you already have a Yahoo account then go ahead and sign in. If you don't have a Yahoo account then click on "Don't have a Yahoo ID?" Sign Up box.
7. Fill in information accordingly.
8. Click on "I agree".
9. Go back to the Yahoo Home Page.
10. Click on "Groups" on the left side menu.
11. Type in Chevy Chase Village in the "Find a Yahoo! Group" and click Search button.
12. Click on ccvillage under "Groups".
13. Click on "Join the Group" in the upper right hand corner.
14. Fill in the information accordingly.
15. Type in the code letters listed in the box at the bottom of the page.
16. Click "Join" at the bottom right side menu.

Congratulations! You are now signed up to use the Village Listserve to post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss.

Listserve have become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this service.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

Please note: Wednesday, July 4 trash pick-up will move to Thursday, July 5. Thursday's trash and recycle pickups will be moved to Friday. Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, July 23, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For further information, go on the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or call the MVA at (800) 950-1682, ext. 2.

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VILLAGE MANAGER

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Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager June 2007

128 Grafton St.....Replace flagstone add brickstone walk.
5613 Belmont Ave.....Fix the grade and reset patio stones.
106 Primrose St.....Install a playset in the back yard.

Cardboard Box Collection



Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

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